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PROCEEDINGS OF THE STATISTICAL SOCIETY OF LONDON.

Fifth Ordinary Meeting, 1844-5, Monday, 17th March, 1845.

The following gentlemen were proposed as candidates for admission into the Society:—

J. Ingram Travers, Esq.		Major T. B. Jervis.
Michael Ellison, Esq.		

The following gentlemen were elected:—

J. W. Gilbert, Esq.		William Lister, Esq.
Thomas Stevenson, Esq.		Richard Sprye, Esq.
Thomas Willis, M.D.		

A paper by F. G. P. Neison, Esq., was read, "On the Laws of Sickness and Mortality in various Trades and Localities, indicated by the experience of Benefit Societies."

Sixth Meeting, 1844-5, Monday, April 21st, 1845.

J. W. Gilbert, Esq., was formally admitted a Fellow.

The following gentlemen were proposed as candidates for admission into the Society:—

W. D. Christie, Esq.		Braithwaite Poole, Esq.
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The following gentlemen were elected:—

J. Ingram Travers, Esq.		Major T. B. Jervis.
Michael Ellison, Esq.		

The following papers were read:—

1. On the Means of Forming and Maintaining Troops in Health in different Climates and Localities, by Assistant Surgeon Edward Balfour, Madras Army.
2. On the Adaptation of the different Railway Returns to the general purposes of Statistical Inquiry, by W. A. Graham, Esq., F.S.S.

Seventh Ordinary Meeting, 1844-5, Monday 19th May, 1845.

The following gentlemen were elected:—

William Dougal Christie, Esq., M.P.		Braithwaite Poole, Esq.
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The following gentlemen were proposed as candidates for admission into the Society:—

Joseph Toynbee, Esq.		Major Wilkinson.
Thomas James Watson, Esq.		John Towne Danson, Esq.
Rev. F. C. Cooke, M.A.		Major-Gen. Wm. Monteith, K.C.B.
E. Wyatt Edgell, Esq.		

The following papers were read:—

1. A Communication from Captain Larcom, on Marriages in Ireland, in answer to Mr. Hallam's Observations on the late Census of that country.
2. Observations on the Means of Preserving the Health of Troops, by selecting healthy localities for their Cantonments, by Assistant-Surgeon Edward Balfour, Madras Army.

STATE OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH IN THE LAST QUARTER.

"The quarterly returns are obtained from 115 districts, sub-divided into 576 Sub-districts. *Thirty-four* districts are placed under the metropolis, and the remaining 81 districts comprise, with some agricultural districts, the principal towns and cities of England. The population was 6,578,912 in 1841."

The season to which the return refers was remarkable for its severity; the temperature fell lower than had ever before been observed and recorded in the neighbourhood of the metropolis. The mortality was proportionably high; 49,874 deaths were registered; 43,958 had been registered in the last quarter of 1844; and 38,784 in the September quarter of that year. The increase of deaths was therefore upwards of 11,000.

In the unhealthy countries of the world the mortality is highest in the hottest months, and this was the case formerly in London; but the greatest number of